

Listing of the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims.

25. (original) A storage cabinet comprising:

a container having a floor, upright side walls and a rear wall attached to and extending upwardly from said floor, and a ceiling attached to said side walls and rear wall, said floor, side walls, rear wall, and ceiling defining a storage cavity;

a vertical support member extending upwardly from said floor;

at least one door pivotally attached to one of said side walls and movable between an open position, in which said cavity is accessible from a position forward thereof, and a closed position, in which said door contacts said support member and prevents access to said cavity from a position forward thereof; and

a latching mechanism attached to said support member, said latching mechanism including at least one release member protruding forwardly from said support member and being movable from a latched position, in which said latching mechanism latches said door in the closed position, and an unlatched position, in which said latching mechanism allows said door to move to the open position, the at least one release member being mounted between about 3 and 24 inches above a surface underlying the cabinet;

wherein said latching mechanism includes a generally vertically disposed post, said post being slidably mounted on said support member for vertical movement relative thereto, said post being attached to said at least one release member.

26. (original) A storage cabinet comprising:

a container having a floor, upright side walls and a rear wall attached to and extending upwardly from said floor, and a ceiling attached to said side walls and rear wall, said floor, side walls, rear wall, and ceiling defining a storage cavity;

a vertical support member extending upwardly from said floor;

two doors, each pivotally attached to the cabinet on opposite sides of the support

member, and each movable about respective pivot axes located on opposite sides of the support member between an open position, in which said cavity is accessible from a position forward thereof, and a closed position, in which said door contacts said support member and prevents access to said cavity from a position forward thereof; and

a latching mechanism attached to said support member, said latching mechanism including at least one release ~~members~~ member protruding forwardly from said support member, the at least one release member being movable from a latched position to an unlatched position;

wherein said doors may be transitioned from a latched condition, in which said latching mechanism latches said doors in the closed position in which the doors are in side-by-side relationship, to an unlatched condition, in which said latching mechanism allows said doors to move to the open position, by moving either of said upper and lower release members from its latched position to its unlatched position.

27. (original) The cabinet defined in Claim 26, wherein the at least one release member is mounted between about 3 and 24 inches above a surface underlying the cabinet.

28. (original) The cabinet defined in Claim 27, wherein the at least one release member is two release members, and one of the release members is mounted between about 48 and 72 inches above a surface underlying the cabinet.

29. (new) The cabinet defined in Claim 26, wherein the at least one release member is two release members, and wherein the release members are coupled such that movement of one of the release members to the unlatched position moves the other release member to the unlatched position.

30. (new) A storage cabinet comprising:

a container having a floor, upright side walls and a rear wall attached to and extending upwardly from said floor, and a ceiling attached to said side walls and rear wall, said floor, side walls, rear wall, and ceiling defining a storage cavity;

two doors, each pivotally attached to the cabinet on opposite sides thereof, and each movable about respective pivot axes located on opposite sides of the cabinet between an open position, in which said cavity is accessible from a position forward thereof, and a closed position, in which said doors prevent access to said cavity from a position forward thereof; and

a latching mechanism fixedly mounted relative to the container, said latching mechanism including at least one release member protruding forwardly from the container, the at least one release member being movable from a latched position to an unlatched position;

wherein said doors may be transitioned from a latched condition, in which said latching mechanism latches said doors in the closed position in which the doors are in side-by-side relationship, to an unlatched condition, in which said latching mechanism allows said doors to move to the open position, by moving either of said upper and lower release members from its latched position to its unlatched position.

31. (new) The cabinet defined in Claim 30, wherein the at least one release member is mounted between about 3 and 24 inches above a surface underlying the cabinet.

32. (new) The cabinet defined in Claim 31, wherein the at least one release member is two release members, and one of the release members is mounted between about 48 and 72 inches above a surface underlying the cabinet.

33. (new) The cabinet defined in Claim 30, wherein the at least one release member is two release members, and wherein the release members are coupled such that movement of one of the release members to the unlatched position moves the other release member to the unlatched position.